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2.  Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box II).

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b.  none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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**Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)**

The present invention provides an applicator including a combination applicating device(110) and substance(120) to be applied. For example, the applicator is particularly suited to the application of liquids integrated with a sponge or sponge-like device. In such personal cleansing environments, the liquid is associated with the sponge, and by activating the sponge (e.g., squeezing it), a dose of liquid is distributed to the sponge matrix, and the applicator can be used to apply the liquid to a surface.

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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